

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 95-1248-W - ORDER NO. 96-415  
JUNE 18, 1996

IN RE: Request of AAA Utilities, Inc. for Approval ) ORDER  
of an Extension of Water Service Area for ) GRANTING  
Rockford Place Subdivision, Lexington County. ) EXTENSION  
 ) OF  
 ) SERVICE  
 ) AREA

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of AAA Utilities, Inc. (AAA or the Company) for approval of an extension of its authorized service area to provide water service to Rockford Place Subdivision located in Lexington County, South Carolina. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 (Supp. 1995), 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-504 (1976), and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-821 (1976).

By letter dated February 23, 1996, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Company to publish, one-time, a prepared Notice of Filing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the Application and also to mail the Notice of Filing to each affected customer. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Company's request and instructed interested parties of the manner and time in which to intervene as a party of record in the proceeding. The Company submitted documentation stating

that it complied with the instructions of the Executive Director. Thereafter, by letter dated April 4, 1996, the Executive Director of the Commission instructed the Company to furnish to each affected customer by U.S. Mail an amended Notice of Filing. The Company submitted documentation that it again complied with the instructions of the Executive Director. No Petitions to Intervene or letters of protest were received by the Commission in reference to the instant Docket. Subsequent to the expiration of the return date in this matter, the Company requested that the Commission waive a hearing in this matter.

The Commission acknowledges that the Company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina and is a public utility within the meaning of S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 (Supp.1995). As a public utility operating in the State of South Carolina, AAA is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-10 et seq. (1976), as amended. AAA was previously granted a service area by this Commission, and rates and charges for water service have heretofore been approved by this Commission.

Upon a thorough review of the matters contained in the Application and the applicable law, the Commission finds and concludes that a hearing in this matter should be waived and that the Application for for an extension of service area to allow AAA to serve the Rockford Place Subdivision should be granted. The Commission notes that no protests or Petitions to Intervene were filed by any persons affected by this extension.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application of AAA to extend its service area to include the Rockford Place Subdivision in Lexington County, South Carolina is approved.

2. The schedule of rates and charges previously approved for AAA in Docket No. 94-278-W/S, Order No. 95-1579 (dated October 23, 1995) is approved for the service area approved herein, effective for service rendered on or after the date of this Order.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)